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In re:	Fehring <i>et al.</i>	Confirmation No.:	7387
Appl. No.:	09/660,948	Group Art Unit:	1742
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**AMENDMENT**  
**37 C.F.R. § 1.121**  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed November 8, 2002, and is presented in the "Revised Amendment Format" that is now permitted pursuant to the *Official Gazette* Notice of February 25, 2003.